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TO: ALL SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANTEES

FROM: ROSEMARY LAHASKY /s/
Deputy Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: 2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Grants

1. **Purpose.** To bring attention to the revised Federal poverty guidelines for administrators of the SCSEP.
2. **References.**
 - Section 518(a)(3)(A) of the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016 (OAA), Public Law 114-144;
 - The *Federal Register*; and
 - Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).
3. **Background.** The Department of Health and Human Services published the updated Federal poverty guidelines for 2018 on January 18, 2018. These guidelines provide the basis for determining the income eligibility of SCSEP applicants and enrollees. These numbers are multiplied by 125 percent to convert the poverty guidelines to “low-income” as defined at Section 518(a)(3)(A) of the 2016 Reauthorization to the OAA.
4. **Effective Date.** The Federal poverty guidelines found in the attachment are effective as of January 13, 2018, as directed in the Federal Register dated Thursday January 18, 2018 (83 FR 2642). Grantees should use January 13, 2018 as the effective date for program operations, as prescribed in the Federal Register.
5. **Action Requested.** Grantees must use the attached poverty and low-income guidelines when determining or recertifying SCSEP participant eligibility. The 2018 rate reflects a 2.1 percent price increase to account for last calendar year’s increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

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6. **Inquiries.** Please direct questions to your regional Federal Project Officer.

7. **Attachment.**

- 2018 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines Adapted for SCSEP.